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Edmund Ivan KIRCHNER, born 6 January 1900 in Komotau, CSSR
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The BfV requests traces on Subject who is an official of "Deutsche Welle". According to their information from 1940-41 he was Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper "German News for Greece". He allegedly was under the control of the SD and the RSHA. According to his own statements he was imprisoned by the U.S. until 1947. He was later given an American uniform and Associated Press identification card by the Americans. With American help he also obtained Austrian citizenship.

Traces within our organization reveal that Subject was CIC agent number 2045, a member of net II (Milwaukee Project) and was a principal agent in contact with the Austrian Volkspolizei and police in the area of Graz. His mission was to collect order of battle information on the Yugoslav Army. By 1954 CIC considered KIRCHNER to be an intelligence fabricator and believed that he had fabricated all of the material collected from the Yugoslav net for the Milwaukee Project.

We would appreciate receiving as soon as possible a release indicating what information regarding KIRCHNER's CIC activities may be given to the BfV.

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